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Real estate vested, &c. H. Be it enaited, by the General Aljembly of Maryland, That all that part of the real estate of the said James Hickley, which by the said act of assembly was intended to be vested in the said Samuel Hickley, deceased, may be and is hereby vested in the said Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley and Thomas Hickley, and their heirs for ever, as tenants in common, there and share alike; and that all that part of the personal estate of the said James Hickley, which by the said act of assembly was intended to be vested in the said Samuel Hickley, may be and is hereby vested in the said Sarah Hickley, his mother, and the said Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley and Thomas Hickley, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, in such manner as the same would have descended to them respectively had the said Samuel Hickley died after the said act of assembly had been sully established.

C H A P. LXII.

Passed Janua-

An ACT to relinquish the right of this state to the land therein mentioned.

Preamble.

HEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that heretofore patent did issue to Lancelot Jacques, then of Frederick county, for the sollowing tract of land, lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county, to wit: The Grove Camp, and doubts exist as to the validity of the same: And whereas the said Lancelot Jacques has paid the composition money and sees of office on said tract of land, and has been in possession of the same for many years, and it is reasonable and just that the state should relinquish her right to the same;

Right released, &c. II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the right of this state of, in and to the following tract of land, to wit: The Grove Camp, lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county, be and the same is hereby released and confirmed to the said Lancelot Jacques, his heirs, legal representatives, or assigns; and any right or title acquired to said land by contract, bargain, sale or conveyance, from, by or through the original patentee, his heirs, or his legal representatives or assigns, shall be good and effectual in law to all intents and purposes; provided nevertheless, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner operate to affect the right of any person or persons heretofore acquired to the whole or any part of said tract of land.

Paffed January 20.

Preamble.

C H A P. LXIII.

An ACT relating to the public roads in Talbot county.

HEREAS the present modes of repairing the public roads in Talbot county are found by experience to be expensive, and inadequate to the purposes intended, and are unequal in their operation; and it has been found necessary that proper regulations should forthwith be made for keeping the roads of the said county in due repair; therefore,

Justices to meet, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the peace for the county aforesaid, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and required to meet together on the first Monday of April next, and on the same day in every year thereafter, at the court-house in the said county, and when so met together, the said justices, or a majority of them, shall be and they are hereby authorised and required to describe, ascertain, and distinctly record in a well bound book to be provided by them for that purpose, the several and respective roads and judicious persons as overseers of the several and respective roads aforesaid, according to the number and divisions of the said roads, as the same shall be ascertained upon their records; provided nevertheless, that the said roads shall be so apportioned, divided and described, as not to require a great number of overseers than five in any one hundred of the said county; and that the said justices, or a majority of them, may adjourn from day to day until the said roads shall be duly ascertained, and overseers appointed as aforesaid.